

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 120

By Crutchfield

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Harold S. Bernard of Nashville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Harold S. Bernard; and

WHEREAS, Harold “Jobe” Bernard was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, originally hailing from Rockwood, Jobe Bernard was born on April 19, 1920, to Adele Stone Bernard and Joe Bernard; following his graduation from high school, he attended Vanderbilt University, where he served as a member of the honorary societies the Owl Club and the Ace Club and lettered in baseball; and

WHEREAS, after graduating with a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics in 1941, Mr. Bernard, a member of this country’s Greatest Generation, promptly enlisted in the United States Navy and served two tours during World War II, during which time he attained the rank of Lieutenant Senior Grade; and

WHEREAS, during his first tour, he participated in the invasion of North Africa on November 8, 1942, coming ashore in the first wave of soldiers; during his second tour, he served in the Pacific Theater, fighting in the battles of Okinawa and Iwo Jima. One of his proudest memories from the War is of being one of the few present when the American flag was raised on Mount Suribachi, a moment that instantly became part of the national consciousness when a photograph of the flag-raising was published worldwide; and

WHEREAS, between his two tours in the Navy, Jobe Bernard returned to Norfolk, Virginia, where he married the love of his life, Ann Ryan; and

WHEREAS, after the end of the War, Mr. Bernard settled in Nashville and established B. and G. Wholesalers, Inc., in 1947; over the years, he became one of the region's most influential promoters of the appreciation of fine wines; and

WHEREAS, a leader in his field, Jobe Bernard was one of the charter members of the Ete du Vin charity wine auction and served seven times as WSWT President; and

WHEREAS, he was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bernard enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife and was the proud father of Tommy Bernard and JoAnn Bernard; and

WHEREAS, he will also be sorely missed by his brother, Dr. Stanley Bernard, and his wife, Adele; his brother-in-law, Maurice Greif; his sister-in-law, Margie Landau; and a host of friends and family; and

WHEREAS, Jobe Bernard leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional businessman, public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Harold S. Bernard, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Bernard.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.